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SUIT FILED OVER CITY BALLOT

Candidate Asks Court For Ruling

A suit seeking to have the name of a candidate placed on next month's municipal ballot was filed in Inglewood Superior Court Monday afternoon.

Filed on behalf of David V. Figueredo, service station operator and former planning commissioner, the suit seeks to set aside a ruling that he did not qualify for a place on the ballot because one of his five nominators had moved to an address other than the one shown on his registration.

FIGUEREDO was one of two candidates ruled off the ballot for this reason by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier last week. The other candidate, Henry Carreiro, has launched plans to conduct a write-in campaign.

Both candidates are eligible to seek election, the only point at issue is their names on the official ballot.

Monday's suit was filed by Atty. Boris S. Woolley and alleges that the signer of a nominating petition who is registered to vote does not lose his qualification to sign the petition by merely moving his residence.

A HEARING on the Figueredo suit has been set for next

Monday because of the urgency of matter.

If he fails to get a court order to place his name on the ballot, an all-out write-in campaign will be conducted by Figueredo, he told the HERALD yesterday.

ELSEWHERE ON the election front, formal campaigns are getting under way this week for the 14 candidates who did qualify for a spot on the April 12 ballot.

Leading the list of candidates on the ballot will be the three incumbents whose terms are expiring: Victor E. Benstead, Nickolas Drale, and Robert B. Jahn.

Seeking to replace them are Paul Albright Jr., John Barton, Garth Belknap, Jeff Bell, James Cicchini, Mrs. Rose Craig, Thirvin D. Fleetwood, Roger Hogue, Walter Kerberlein, George Kurtz, and George Vico.

Attlee to Speak Here On Saturday Evening

Clement Attlee, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, will speak on "The Future of Democratic Government" in the El Camino College gymnasium Saturday night at 8:30 p.m.

Premier during the postwar emergence of the new Commonwealth democracies of Ceylon, Burma and India, Attlee is said to understand the forces of nationalism sweeping Africa and Asia as do few statesmen of the world today.

Called one of the most modest men ever to engage in the rough-and-tumble game of politics, Attlee served for 33 years in the House of Commons.

He became leader of the British Labor Party in 1935, served as Deputy Prime Minister in the wartime coalition

government of Winston Churchill and in 1945 became Prime Minister.

His elevation to a peerage was granted in 1956, when Queen Elizabeth conferred upon him an earldom in recognition of long and distinguished service to his country.

SERVING as a member of the House of Lords since that time, Earl Attlee comes to El Camino following a visit to Australia as a delegate to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference.

As a speaker at such universities as Stanford and Cornell, Attlee has been said to have received "standing ovations."

Saturday's speech at El Camino is sponsored by the Associated Students with tickets now on sale to the public for \$1 in the college book store.

Council Picks Site for New Bus Terminal

Construction of a downtown bus terminal was approved by the city council this week with the selection of a site at El Prado and Torrance Blvd. for the project.

Acting on recommendations submitted by Wade Peebles, the city's director of public works, the council voted to place the terminal on the city parking lot in preference to suggestions that it be placed on the triangle at Torrance Blvd. and Sartori, now used as a terminal, or at the Cravens end of El Prado Park.

THE LATTER two were ruled out by the council on the grounds that reversionary rights held by private interests might be invoked if the area were used for anything but park purposes.

Bus Superintendent Marshal Chamberlain suggested elimination of parallel parking on

some downtown streets to accommodate the buses which will have to use new routes to the terminal. His suggestions will be given further study, it was indicated.

THE COUNCIL eliminated proposals to include an office for the superintendent in the building and asked Peebles to design a facility with adequate waiting room space and rest rooms with outside entrances.

In other action, the city council established a priority for the improvement of Del Amo Blvd. between the Redondo city limits and Western Ave., and asked the county to turn over to the city \$175,000 now allocated for the project.

THE FIRST phase of the project will include preliminary design of the entire length of the roadway, "so we'll know where we're going," Peebles said.

At the suggestion of Councilman George Bradford, the section of the boulevard between Maple Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd. will have top priority.

TOTAL COST of the project will be somewhere near \$1 million, the council was told.

The council also completed its part in the annexation of the northwest corner of Lomita to the city by adopting the annexation ordinance at its second reading. Recording by the Secretary of State will now complete the process.



BATTLING IT OUT . . . Dave Farber, "Democrat", and Bill Lennon, "Republican" battled it out for the presidency at Parkway Elementary School last week in a regular mock convention. Lennon came out the winner. The students imitated their elders in holding a mock convention and election. In the background are the delegates.

'GOP' Wins it's Second Mock School Election

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who told HERALD Co-Publisher Glenn W. Pfeil recently that he was cheered by the reports of a mock election at one of the Torrance schools which showed "Republican" candidates winning, has reason for an added smile this week.

They've done it again. Students at the Parkway Elementary School swept Bill

Lennon and Cynthia Vico into office as the "Republican" standard-bearers to serve the school as president and vice president.

ELECTION of the "Republicans" followed procedures set down for national elections — the students registered to vote, prepared credentials, held "Republican" and "Democrat" political conventions to nominate

candidates, and prepared a full campaign program. Probably the principal omission was the smoke-filled room and the glaring of television lights.

HOWEVER, Rickie Gilbert and Jim Hall took eight millimeter movies and made tape recordings of the sessions, so the smoke-filled room might have been the only omission.

It wasn't a clean sweep for the GOP, however. "Democrats" elected Carol Rockey as student activities director and Paddi Benson as the girls' athletic director.

SECRETARY in the new school governing body is Susan Stevens while John Baughn was elected to serve as the boys' athletic director.

Elections at the Riviera Elementary School, reported in the HERALD last Jan. 14, swept the "Republican" slate into office, catching the eye of Vice President Nixon.

"I AM VERY grateful for all the kind things that have been said here about me," Judge Armstrong said after attorneys, mayors and representatives of area communities and his colleague, Judge John A. Shidler, had paraded before the head table to laud him.

Master of ceremonies for the occasion was Atty. Boris S. Woolley of Torrance, immediate past president of the South Bay Bar Assn. Woolley kept the line moving as 14 area leaders commended Judge Armstrong for his services.

"IT IS DIFFICULT to make a speech when you have a lump in your throat and butterflies in your stomach," the jurist said after J. H. Paget, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Mill had presented plaques to him.

"I trust I will always be fair, patient, courteous, impartial, and recognize everyone who comes before me as a human being," he said.

The judge was accompanied by his wife, Grace, who was presented a huge floral arrangement by Woolley.

Friends Honor Judge Armstrong

"If I in any measure am justified in being here today, it is because I love my work," Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong

told several hundred friends from the area served by the

South Bay Judicial Court District who gathered to pay tribute to him Monday.

Judge Armstrong, who recently completed his second year on the bench at the South Bay Municipal Court, was honored by his many friends and associates at a luncheon held at the Plush Horse under the chairmanship of Fred W. Mill, past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and a long time friend of Armstrong.



JUDGE HONORED . . . Among many dignitaries of the area who gathered to pay tribute to Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong here Monday were (from left) Atty. Boris S. Woolley, immediate past president of the South Bay Bar Assn. and master of ceremonies; Judge Armstrong; Supervisor Burton W. Chace, and Fred Mill, past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and general chairman of the testimonial luncheon. (Herald Photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"With the abolition of capital punishment in California up before the Legislature in the special session, what effect do you think its passage would have on crime in the future?"

The answer of five people queried in Torrance follows: John Bender, 3761 W. 142nd St., Gardena, sheet metal worker:

"I think the abolition of the death penalty for crimes punishable by this method will bring on a wave of violations of our laws that will make the prohibition era look like the police blotter in a Quaker town."

Mrs. John Bender, 3761 W. 142nd St., Gardena, housewife:

"Well, after listening to John be so sure of himself I hardly know what to say. I do agree with him, though, in that we would probably have more of the serious crimes if the offenders are not put to death."

Jake Kauffman, Los Angeles, jewelry salesman:

"Definitely not. I think a long term, or natural life in prison is worse than dying for even the hardened criminal. Then there is always the chance that the convicted person did not commit the crime and when he is dead it is too late."

Helen Spaulding, 3128 W. 176th St., department store clerk:

"I think for the state to kill a person is barbaric and uncivilized. Is it any worse for the court to condemn a person to die than it is for the criminal to kill in the heat of anger? I think prison is the only just punishment."

Harry Leeding, 704 Via El Chico, aircraft personnel supervisor:

"Maybe some states have been able to get by without capital punishment, but I doubt if California would be one of them with our high rate of crime. My mind would be to keep a criminal like Chessman in prison for a period of, say five years, and then if no new evidence came out, put him in the gas chamber."

New Steel Boss

Appointment of Edward C. Kenyon as general superintendent of the local U.S. Steel Corp. plant was announced yesterday.

Kenyon will succeed Donald W. Lassell who has been named general superintendent of the firm's Geneva works near Provo, Utah.